shortly setting up an ombudsman for the telecom sector, which would operate as a private arbitrator and a dispute settlement authority.

OBC candidates in General List

*147. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates belonging to OBC category who have been selected in All India Civil Services Examination during the last five years;

(b) the number out of these candidates selected on the basis of their merit in the general list during that period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the candidates selected on merit in general category are also shown as part of OBC category; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The number of OBC Category candidates who have been selected in All India Civil Services Examination during the last 5 years is as follows:

CSE Year	No. of OBC candidates selected
CSE 2005	117**
CSE 2004	127
CSE 2003	136
CSE 2002	90
CSE 2001	131

** This figure does not include the candidates yet to be recommended from reserve list.

(b) Out of the total OBC candidates at part (a), the following numbers of OBC candidate were selected in Civil Service Examination at General Standards during the last five (5) years.

CSE Year	No. of OBC candidates who were selected at general standard
CSE-2005	31
CSE-2004	29
CSE-2003	36
CSE-2002	20
CSE-2001	34

(c) and (d) Rule 16(2) of Civil Services Examination Rules provides that "while making service allocation, the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes or Other Backward Classes recommended against Unreserved Vacancies may be adjusted against Reserved vacancies by the Government, if by this process they get a service of higher choice in the order of their preference." As such, candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC categories who have not availed themselves of any of the concessions or relaxations in the eligibility or selection criteria at at stage of the examination and who have qualified on general qualifying standards, are adjusted against the reserved quota for them, only if such adjustment enables them to be allocated to a service of higher choice in order of their preference.

Four Lanes on NH-203

*148. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct four lanes on NH-203 from Bhubaneswar to Puri;

(b) if so, the status of the project; and

(c) the time-frame within which it would be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.